



# Foreign Affairs Manual

## 12 FAM — Diplomatic Security

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## 12 FAM 260 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

### Changes

1. Miscellaneous changes were made to indicate means by which DS provides for the security of U.S. Government operations:
  - **12 FAM 264.2 g, Personal Travel to Critical Human Intelligence Threat Countries:** The requirement for additional travel security obligations by Department of State employees granted access to sensitive compartmented information has been deleted.
  - **12 FAM 261.2, Authority:** E.O. 12968 establishes a uniform Federal personnel security program for employees who will be considered for initial or continued access to classified information;
  - **12 FAM 261.4, Counterintelligence Surveys:** DS performs counterintelligence surveys at posts identified in the Department's Security Environment Threat List (SETL), available on the classified network via links on the Department's Web site
2. **Change Transmittal** has replaced the term Transmittal Letter. Change Transmittal was selected as being more appropriate in this age of electronic information transmission. The FAM volume's transmittal acronym and numerical series remains in place.
3. Revisions since the last update appear in *italic* and *dark magenta*. The italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes appear in italic, which provides a historical record of changes.
4. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the Foreign Affairs Manual or its supplemental Foreign Affairs Handbook series generally have no regulatory validity (see 2 FAM 1115.2).

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